



Agenda Item Number: 2006-5-9A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date May 23, 2006

Department: County Manager **Staff Contact:** Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager
Community Services
Susan Jones, Special Projects

TITLE: Community Schools Partnership

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2006** Regarding the Albuquerque, Bernalillo County Community Schools.
2. Financial Resolution **FR - 2006** appropriating funding for the Community Schools Program.

SUMMARY:

Community Schools is a term that encompasses the idea of building partnerships between schools, neighborhoods and the community as a whole. The concept promotes family involvement in schools and collaboration between service providers.

The County, City, APS and the Albuquerque Business Education Compact formed a Task Force in 2004 to participate in a Community Schools study. The study, completed in 2005, identified steps necessary to implement community schools in Albuquerque including formation of a partnership to undertake initial work tasks.

The Administrative Resolution presents study findings and the purposes for partnering with the City, APS and the business community on establishment of Community Schools. The Resolution establishes County membership in a partnership through the Chair's appointment of two Commissioners and the County Manager or his designee to a collaborative body comprised of representatives from APS, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools and the Albuquerque Business Education Compact. Lastly, the AR presents implementation tasks, a proposed budget for the first two years of the Partnership and commits the County to contribute \$100,000 for the Community Schools Program in FY07.

In the first year a program coordinator, with Partnership oversight, will develop a "community conversation" about the effort in each APS cluster, develop a template or model for inter-agency collaborations at schools and establish an ongoing training program for Community Schools with UNM. The coordinator and Partnership will also seek permanent funding sources for the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2006**
2. Financial Resolution **FR -2006**

FISCAL IMPACT

The resolution commits the County to appropriating \$100,000 for the first year of the Community Schools effort. The funding source would be IRB property tax abatement.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

The Community Schools Task Force has developed policies and a strategy for implementing community schools in Albuquerque. This resolution formalizes County involvement through membership and funding. The attached Administrative Resolution will guide the effort but does not commit the County to future funding or program involvement. I recommend Board approval. TL 5/22/2006

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

If approved, the administrative resolution will permit the County to have a voice, within the APS system, to develop outreach standards and an implementation plan. I recommend approval. JMB 5/22/2006

LEGAL

The proposed action is within the statutory authority provided to the Board of County Commissioners. The Legal Department will review all contracts and other documents related to the expenditure of any funds that are appropriated to insure that such funds are distributed in accordance with the New Mexico Constitution, statutes, regulations and common law. JSL 5/19/06

FINANCE

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| Budget | If approved, funding will be available for appropriation from the IRB property tax abatement (BC92-531510-3300) when the FY07 budget is approved by the Bernalillo County Commission. Geri Maestas, Financial Services Administrator, III 5/5/06 |
| Purchasing | No comment required. Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 5/19/06) |
| Contracts | No comment required. Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 5/19/06) |